

# FAMILIES AND LIFE COURSE

## METHODOLOGICAL POTENTIAL, GAPS AND CHALLENGES International Seminar

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### Programme

9h30 – 13h00 | Opening session and keynote speakers

Chair: Vanessa Cunha (ICS-ULisboa)  
Families and Life Course in Portugal: Renewed Connections,  
by Magda Nico (CIES-IUL)

Chair: Cláudia Casimiro (ISCSP-ULisboa)  
The Conceptual Foundations of Qualitative Life Course Research,  
by Walter Heinz (University of Bremen)

Chair: Magda Nico (CIES-IUL)  
Distance and Similarity in Sequence Analysis,  
by Cees Elzinga (University of Amsterdam)

14h30 – 18h00 | Portuguese Methodologies and Results

## OPEN CALL (afternoon session)

Methodological eclecticism and openness is part of the Portuguese sociological DNA. This is even more so in sociological fields with long presence, protagonism and history in the Portuguese Society, such as the Sociology of the Family.

The goal of this afternoon session is to put this long lasting but ever changing "Family-Life Course" thematic and analytical partnership in the center of the discussion of contemporary changes and dynamic of family lives, formation and social trajectories.

We are hereby delighted to invite you to submit an abstract (up to 500 words) to [magda.nico@iscte.pt](mailto:magda.nico@iscte.pt) or [familias@aps.pt](mailto:familias@aps.pt) with empirical results or methodological discussion on the families and life course. The deadline for this submission is **August 15<sup>th</sup>** (results will be known by **September 15<sup>th</sup>**). The abstract and presentation is to be made in English language.

The selected participants will present a 20 minutes communication at this international seminar.